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In re Application of) Confirmation Number: 6610
MICHAEL J. KIRKWOOD, et al.)
Serial No. 09/823,819) Group Art Unit: 2161
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Sir:

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Please amend Claims as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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